Reviewer's report

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1. Major Compulsory Revisions: None
2. Minor essential revisions: Page 3, background, 3rd paragraph 4th line should have a semi colon rather than colon in the punctuation.
3. General comments: Thank you for the opportunity to review this article. I found it interesting, well written and it highlights important issues for palliative care in developing nations. My only comments are that I found the labelling of the figures to be a little confusing. Otherwise the background is presented well and the article reads well throughout. I have looked at the software, which is freely available as stated by the authors. It appears to be easy to use and addresses the task as intended by the authors. The article clearly explains the need for such software as well as describing how the software is implemented and on what systems the software can be run. The discussions and conclusions of the article are well balanced and support the data.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests